

Introduction: Today we join the hungry crowds who gathered at the Galilean lakeside. We, too, come seeking Jesus, asking him to feed us with the bread of life.

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

The starving Israelites beg Moses to feed them. The Lord rains down food from heaven.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:17. 20-24

Many pleasures are illusory. St Paul prescribes a total renewal in the way we think: a return, in other words, to the way God created us to be.

Gospel John 6:24-35

People were expecting Jesus to be like Moses, providing them with daily bread. Instead, Jesus offers them fresh, rejuvenating food, unlike any other.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

AUGUST

3 Teresa Begley **4** The Haworth Family **5** Jean Laking **6** Mary Gilligan
8 Peter Ian Cross

Mass Intentions Canon Adrian has just a very few Mass intentions left, required for specific dates, which explains why there are several Masses being celebrated this week with no Mass offerings or Intentions attached. All Mass offerings and intentions are most welcome. If you require a Mass on a particular day, please let Canon Adrian know or place the intention, offering and details in an envelope on the collection plate at the back of church.

Gift Aid This makes such a difference to our Parishes' income at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim 25p for every £1 you give. Please consider taking out a Standing Order, or if at St Andrew's you can register a payment card to use on the card reader, either online or the reader itself.

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**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
4th August 2024**

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Baptisms and Marriages by Arrangement.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday (4.30pm to 5pm) or on request. Please call in to the Presbytery or speak to Canon Adrian before or after Mass.

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Whoever believes in me
will never thirst.

John 6:35

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SATURDAY 3rd August

5.30pm Vigil Mass The Watt Family RIP (8188)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 4th August - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.00am (Lea Town)

10.30am People of the Parish

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

6.00pm Repose of the soul of Peter Blocksidge (8194)

MONDAY 5th August

9.15am Cottam

TUESDAY 6th August

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – Feast

10.30am Requiem - Peter Blocksidge

WEDNESDAY 7th August

St. Edmund Arrowsmith, St Ambrose Barlow & Companions

Lancaster martyrs - Memorial

9.15am Elizabeth Woollas – Anniversary (8191)

THURSDAY 8th August

St. Dominic - Memorial

8.15am (Lea Town) Sr Tiziana SABs RIP - Lately Dead (8196)

FRIDAY 9th August

St. Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) - Feast

9.15am Cottam Francis & Mildred Myerscough (8197)

SATURDAY 10th August

St. Lawrence - Feast

9.15 am Holy Souls

5.30pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving (8183)

No Confessions on Saturday 3rd August

Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today There is a break until September.



Welcome

To Ocean Amanda Seley who will be baptised today at St Andrew's

St Andrew's Card Reader We are now using an updated version of the card reader. If you registered your card for Gift Aid you will need to do so again, **just once**, for this new machine. It can be done on the reader itself or, more conveniently, pressing the 'Donate' button on the parish website and following the instructions.

Boarbank Hall Events A week on Care for Creation (5th-12th October) Advent Hope in Health weekend (6th-8th December) All of the events combine talks, prayer, time outdoors and social time. For more information, see www.boarbankhall.org.uk/whats-on/ or email Sr Margaret Atkins on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk.

Afternoon Club Do you have a talent or a hobby that you would like to talk about or share with others?

We are looking for parishioners or maybe someone they know, who would be happy to come along to the Tuesday Afternoon Club and share their wonderful talents. Can you show people how to crochet or maybe demonstrate your wonderful watercolour skills? We would love to hear from you.

Andrew is going to start things off with a talk on Beekeeping.

If you are willing to get involved, please contact Karen on 07932 685236 or Andrew on 07914 751020.

Thank you.

The club meets each **Tuesday** at 1.15pm, in the Haydock Room, Cottam. Prize bingo and refreshments. There will be a charge of 50p per book with no charge for refreshments.